



Message of the Week

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**“Congress has acted to protect
the American people from terrorism.”**

- Thanks to the leadership of President Bush, the House has passed compromise legislation to create a new Cabinet-level department to consolidate America’s homeland defenses and confront the threat of terrorism. The Senate is expected to follow suit shortly.
- The new department promises to bring together essential homeland security functions and provide a coordinated response to the terrorist threat.
- The President will be granted the essential flexibility he needs to make urgent personnel decisions during a time of national crisis.
- The new department will not be a vehicle for more pork-barrel spending; it has been designed *only* for the physical protection of the United States and its people.
- Congress is completing President Bush’s mission of streamlining homeland security activities without unnecessarily expanding government.